

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 04/23/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 February 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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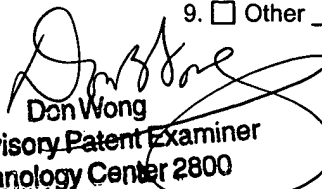
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/20/04.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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REASON FOR ALLOWANCE

Allowable Subject Matter

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance - Applicant's response filed on 04/23/2004 has been considered, with respect to claims 1, 12, and 13, the references of the record fail to teach or suggest:

Single stage laser amplifying apparatus comprising: an oscillator assembly for providing input light to be amplified; a pump laser for providing pumping; and an amplifier for amplifying the input light from on the order of 10^{-9} Joules to on the order of 10^{-3} Joules, the amplifier pumped by the pump laser; wherein the amplifier includes a cryogenically-cooled amplifying medium; and wherein the amplifier provides substantially all of the amplification of the amplifying apparatus.

Single stage laser amplifying apparatus comprising: an oscillator assembly for providing input pulses to be amplified; a pump laser for providing pumping; and an amplifier for amplifying the input pulses [high gain], the amplifier pumped by the pump laser; wherein the amplifier includes a cryogenically cooled amplifying medium; wherein the amplifier provides substantially all of the amplification of the amplifying apparatus; and wherein the amplifying medium is selected from the following list: a) $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ b) $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{YAlO}_3$ c) $\text{Ti}^{3+}:\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ d) $\text{Ce}^{3+}:\text{LiCaAlF}_4$ e) $\text{Ce}^{3+}:\text{LiSrAlF}_4$ f) $\text{Nd}^{3+}:\text{LiYF}_4$ g) $\text{Yb}^{3+}:\text{Y}_3\text{Al}_5\text{O}_{12}$ h) $\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ i) $\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{LiCaAlF}_4$ j) $\text{Cr}^{3+}:\text{LiSrAlF}_4$ k) $\text{Pr}^{3+}:\text{LiYF}_4$

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2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


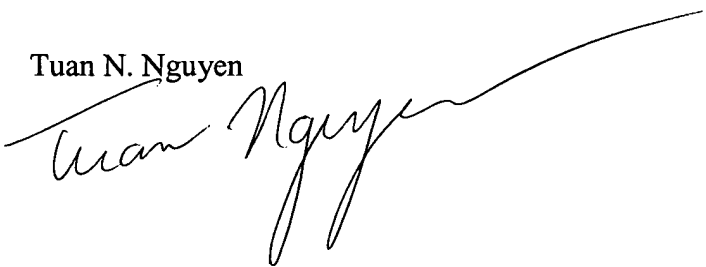
Communication Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan N Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-1948. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:30 - 4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Don Wong can be reached on (571) 272-1834. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-3329.

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